

**As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

The priority of US application serial number 60/161,985, filed on 10/28/1999 and entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING AN EXTREMA PATH BETWEEN NODES OF AN ARRAY USING A DNA ALGORITHM, inventor Mitichell Joseph Aiosa Morris, is claimed.

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